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AN ACT

To repeal sections 262.900, 275.352, 277.040, 281.065, 304.180, 442.571, and 537.325, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof fourteen new sections relating to agriculture.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 262.900, 275.352, 277.040, 281.065, 304.180, 442.571,

- 2 and 537.325, RSMo, are repealed and fourteen new sections enacted in lieu
- 3 thereof, to be known as sections 261.270, 261.275, 261.280, 261.285, 261.290,
- 4 261.295, 262.900, 275.352, 277.040, 281.065, 304.180, 414.300, 442.571, and
- 5 537.325, to read as follows:
 - 261.270. The provisions of sections 261.270 to 261.295 shall be
- 2 known and may be cited as the "Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act of
- 3 **2015**".
 - 261.275. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the
- 2 "Missouri Dairy Industry Revitalization Fund", which shall consist of
- 3 moneys appropriated to the fund. The state treasurer shall be
- 4 custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180,
- 5 the state treasurer may approve disbursements of the fund. Upon
- 6 appropriation by the general assembly, moneys in the fund shall be
- 7 used solely to enhance and improve Missouri's dairy and dairy

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- 8 processing industries in the manner provided for in sections 261.270 to 261.295. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the 10 contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state 12 treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund. 14
- 15 2. Moneys appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Missouri dairy industry revitalization fund shall not exceed forty 16 percent of the estimated sales tax revenue generated in the state from 17 the sale of dairy products during the preceding fiscal year, calculated under subsection 3 of this section, and shall be expended in the 19 20 following order of priority:
- 21 (1) First, to the dairy producer margin insurance premium 22 assistance program created under section 261.280;
- 23 (2) Second, to the Missouri dairy scholars program created under 24 section 261.285; and
- 25 (3) Third, to the commercial agriculture program created under section 261.290. 26
- 3. Each fiscal year the University of Missouri shall conduct research, or contract with an independent research company to 2829 conduct research, to determine the estimated sales tax revenue 30 generated in the state from the sale of dairy products. Such estimate 31 shall be provided to the department of agriculture by October first of 32each year. The cost for such calculation shall be paid out of the 33 Missouri dairy industry revitalization fund.
 - 261.280. 1. The department of agriculture shall establish and administer, through the Missouri agricultural and small business development authority, a dairy producer margin insurance premium assistance program for the purpose of assisting dairy producers who participate in the federal margin protection program for dairy producers as contained in the federal Agricultural Act of 2014.
 - 2. All dairy producers in the state who participate in the federal margin protection program for dairy producers shall be eligible to apply and participate in the dairy producer margin insurance premium assistance program. Dairy producers who wish to be considered for the program shall apply with the Missouri agricultural and small business

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development authority by January first of each year, and shall provide proof of participation in the federal margin protection program for dairy producers as contained in the federal Agricultural Act of 2014 by submitting a receipt of their paid annual federal premium payment. Eligible program participants shall receive reimbursement of seventy percent of their federal premium payment up to a maximum premium reimbursement rate of thirty-four cents per hundredweight of milk.

- 3. The University of Missouri and the Missouri agricultural and small business development authority shall provide risk management training for Missouri dairy producers on an annual basis.
- 261.285. 1. There is hereby established the "Missouri Dairy Scholars Program", which shall be administered by the department of agriculture. The program shall, upon appropriation, provide scholarships, subject to the eligibility criteria enumerated in this section, for eligible students in an agriculture-related degree program who make a commitment to work in the agriculture industry in Missouri as a condition of receiving such scholarship.
- 2. Subject to appropriation, each year the department of agriculture shall make available to eligible students up to eighty scholarships in the amount of five thousand dollars each to assist with the cost of eligible students' tuition and fees at a two-year or four-year college or university in Missouri. Such amount shall be paid out of the Missouri dairy industry revitalization fund created in section 261.275.
- 3. As used in this section, the term "eligible student" shall mean an individual who:
- 16 (1) Is a United States citizen and a Missouri resident who has 17 graduated from a Missouri high school with a cumulative grade point 18 average of at least two and one-half on a four-point scale or equivalent;
 - (2) Is pursuing or has attained an agriculture-related degree approved by the department of agriculture and offered by a two-year or four-year college or university in Missouri;
 - (3) Signs an agreement with the department of agriculture in which the recipient agrees to work in the agriculture industry in Missouri for at least two years for every one year the recipient received the Missouri dairy scholars scholarship;
 - (4) Maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least two

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27 and one-half on a four-point scale or equivalent while enrolled in the 28 college or university program; and

(5) Works on a dairy farm or has a dairy-related internship for at least three months of each year the recipient receives the Missouri dairy scholars scholarship.

261.290. The University of Missouri's commercial agriculture program shall conduct an annual study of the dairy industry and shall develop a dairy-specific plan for how to grow and enhance the dairy and dairy processing industries in Missouri. The results of such study shall be reported to the department of agriculture and all agriculture-related legislative committee chairpersons by January first of each year. The costs for such study shall be subject to appropriations and shall be paid out of the Missouri dairy industry revitalization fund created under section 261.275.

261.295. The department of agriculture shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of sections 261.270 to 261.295. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section and section 348.273 shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2015, shall be invalid and void.

262.900. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

- 2 (1) "Agricultural products", an agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or 3 vegetable product, growing of grapes that will be processed into wine, bees, honey, 4 fish or other aquacultural product, planting seed, livestock, a livestock product, 5 a forestry product, poultry or a poultry product, either in its natural or processed 6 state, that has been produced, processed, or otherwise had value added to it in 7 this state;
- 8 (2) "Blighted area", that portion of the city within which the legislative 9 authority of such city determines that by reason of age, obsolescence, inadequate, 10 or outmoded design or physical deterioration have become economic and social 11 liabilities, and that such conditions are conducive to ill health, transmission of

- 12 disease, crime or inability to pay reasonable taxes;
- 13 (3) "Department", the department of agriculture;
- 14 (4) "Domesticated animal", cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ratite birds
- 15 including but not limited to ostrich and emu, llamas, alpaca, buffalo, elk
- 16 documented as obtained from a legal source and not from the wild, goats, or
- 17 horses, other equines, or rabbits raised in confinement for human consumption;
- 18 (5) "Grower UAZ", a type of UAZ:
- 19 (a) That can either grow produce, raise livestock, or produce other 20 value-added agricultural products;
- 21 (b) That does not exceed fifty laying hens, six hundred fifty broiler 22 chickens, or thirty domesticated animals;
- 23 (6) "Livestock", cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ratite birds including but not
- 24 limited to ostrich and emu, aquatic products as defined in section 277.024,
- 25 llamas, alpaca, buffalo, elk documented as obtained from a legal source and not
- 26 from the wild, goats, or horses, other equines, or rabbits raised in confinement for
- 27 human consumption;
- 28 (7) "Locally grown", a product that was grown or raised in the same
- 29 county or city not within a county in which the UAZ is located or in an adjoining
- 30 county or city not within a county. For a product raised or sold in a city not
- 31 within a county, locally grown also includes an adjoining county with a charter
- 32 form of government with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants and
- 33 those adjoining said county;
- 34 (8) ["Processing UAZ", a type of UAZ:
- 35 (a) That processes livestock or poultry for human consumption;
- 36 (b) That meets federal and state processing laws and standards;
- 37 (c) Is a qualifying small business approved by the department;
- 38 (9)] "Meat", any edible portion of livestock or poultry carcass or part 39 thereof;
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- 40 [(10)] (9) "Meat product", anything containing meat intended for or
- 41 capable of use for human consumption, which is derived, in whole or in part, from
- 42 livestock or poultry;
- 43 [(11)] (10) "Mobile unit", the same as motor vehicle as defined in 44 section 301.010;
- 45 (11) "Poultry", any domesticated bird intended for human consumption;
- 46 (12) "Processing UAZ", a type of UAZ:
- 47 (a) That processes livestock, poultry, or produce for human

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- 49 (b) That meets federal and state processing laws and standards;
- 50 (c) Is a qualifying small business approved by the department;
- 51 (13) "Qualifying small business", those enterprises which are established 52 within an Urban Agricultural Zone subsequent to its creation, and which meet
- 53 the definition established for the Small Business Administration and set forth in
- 54 Section 121.301 of Part 121 of Title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations;
- 55 [(13)] (14) "Value-added agricultural products", any product or products 56 that are the result of:
- 57 (a) Using an agricultural product grown in this state to produce a meat 58 or dairy product in this state;
- 59 (b) A change in the physical state or form of the original agricultural 60 product;
- 61 (c) An agricultural product grown in this state which has had its value 62 enhanced by special production methods such as organically grown products; or
- 63 (d) A physical segregation of a commodity or agricultural product grown 64 in this state that enhances its value such as identity preserved marketing 65 systems;
- [(14)] (15) "Urban agricultural zone" or "UAZ", a zone within a metropolitan statistical area as defined by the United States Office of Budget and Management that has one or more of the following entities that is a qualifying small business and approved by the department, as follows:
- 70 (a) Any organization or person who grows produce or other agricultural 71 products;
 - (b) Any organization or person that raises livestock or poultry;
- 73 (c) Any organization or person who processes livestock or poultry;
- 74 (d) Any organization that sells at a minimum seventy-five percent locally 75 grown food;
- 76 [(15)] (16) "Vending UAZ", a type of UAZ:
- 77 (a) That sells produce, meat, or value-added locally grown agricultural 78 goods;
- 79 (b) That is able to accept food stamps under the provisions of the 80 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program as a form of payment; and
- 81 (c) Is a qualifying small business that is approved by the department for 82 an UAZ vendor license.
- 83 2. (1) A person or organization shall submit to any incorporated

- 84 municipality an application to develop an UAZ on a blighted area of land. Such 85 application shall demonstrate or identify on the application:
- 86 (a) If the person or organization is a grower UAZ, processing UAZ, vending UAZ, or a combination of all three types of UAZs provided in this paragraph, in which case the person or organization shall meet the requirements of each type of UAZ in order to qualify;
 - (b) The number of jobs to be created;
 - (c) The types of products to be produced; and
- 92 (d) If applying for a vending UAZ, the ability to accept food stamps under 93 the provisions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program if selling 94 products to consumers.
- 95 (2) A municipality shall review and modify the application as necessary 96 before either approving or denying the request to establish an UAZ.
- 97 (3) Approval of the UAZ by such municipality shall be reviewed five and 98 ten years after the development of the UAZ. After twenty-five years, the UAZ 99 shall dissolve.
- 100 If the municipality finds during its review that the UAZ is not meeting the 101 requirements set out in this section, the municipality may dissolve the UAZ.
- 102 3. The governing body of any municipality planning to seek designation 103 of an urban agricultural zone shall establish an urban agricultural zone 104 board. The number of members on the board shall be seven. One member of the board shall be appointed by the school district or districts located within the area 105 106 proposed for designation of an urban agricultural zone. Two members of the 107 board shall be appointed by other affected taxing districts. The remaining four members shall be chosen by the chief elected officer of the municipality. The four 108 109 members chosen by the chief elected officer of the municipality shall all be residents of the county or city not within a county in which the UAZ is to be 110 located, and at least one of such four members shall have experience in or 111 represent organizations associated with sustainable agriculture, urban farming, 112 113 community gardening, or any of the activities or products authorized by this section for UAZs. 114
- 4. The school district member and the two affected taxing district members shall each have initial terms of five years. Of the four members appointed by the chief elected official, two shall have initial terms of four years, and two shall have initial terms of three years. Thereafter, members shall serve terms of five years. Each member shall hold office until a successor has been

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- 120 appointed. All vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original 121 appointment. For inefficiency or neglect of duty or misconduct in office, a member of the board may be removed by the applicable appointing authority. 122
- 123 5. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of such board for 124 the purpose of conducting business and exercising the powers of the board and for 125 all other purposes. Action may be taken by the board upon a vote of a majority of the members present. 126
- 127 6. The members of the board annually shall elect a chair from among the members. 128
- 7. The role of the board shall be to conduct the activities necessary to 130 advise the governing body on the designation of an urban agricultural zone and any other advisory duties as determined by the governing body. The role of the 132 board after the designation of an urban agricultural zone shall be review and 133 assessment of zone activities.
- 8. Prior to the adoption of an ordinance proposing the designation of an urban agricultural zone, the urban agricultural board shall fix a time and place 136 for a public hearing and notify each taxing district located wholly or partially 137 within the boundaries of the proposed urban agricultural zone. The board shall 138 send, by certified mail, a notice of such hearing to all taxing districts and political subdivisions in the area to be affected and shall publish notice of such hearing 139 140 in a newspaper of general circulation in the area to be affected by the designation at least twenty days prior to the hearing but not more than thirty days prior to 142the hearing. Such notice shall state the time, location, date, and purpose of the 143 hearing. At the public hearing any interested person or affected taxing district 144 may file with the board written objections to, or comments on, and may be heard orally in respect to, any issues embodied in the notice. The board shall hear and 145 consider all protests, objections, comments, and other evidence presented at the 146 hearing. The hearing may be continued to another date without further notice other than a motion to be entered upon the minutes fixing the time and place of 148 149 the subsequent hearing.
- 9. Following the conclusion of the public hearing required under 150 subsection 8 of this section, the governing authority of the municipality may 151 152 adopt an ordinance designating an urban agricultural zone.
- 153 10. The real property of the UAZ shall not be subject to assessment or payment of ad valorem taxes on real property imposed by the cities affected by this section, or by the state or any political subdivision thereof, for a period of up

to twenty-five years as specified by ordinance under subsection 9 of this section, except to such extent and in such amount as may be imposed upon such real property during such period, as was determined by the assessor of the county in which such real property is located, or, if not located within a county, then by the assessor of such city, in an amount not greater than the amount of taxes due and payable thereon during the calendar year preceding the calendar year during which the urban agricultural zone was designated. The amounts of such tax assessments shall not be increased during such period so long as the real property is used in furtherance of the activities provided under the provisions of subdivision (13) of subsection 1 of this section. At the conclusion of the period of abatement provided by the ordinance, the property shall then be reassessed. If only a portion of real property is used as an UAZ, then only that portion of real property shall be exempt from assessment or payment of ad valorem taxes on such property, as provided by this section.

- 11. If the water services for the UAZ are provided by the municipality, the municipality may authorize a grower UAZ to pay wholesale water rates[. If available,] for the cost of water consumed on the UAZ [and]. If available, the UAZ may pay fifty percent of the standard cost to hook onto the water source.
- 12. (1) Any local sales tax revenues received from the sale of agricultural products sold in the UAZ, or any local sales tax revenues received by a mobile unit associated with a vending UAZ selling agricultural products in the municipality in which the vending UAZ is located, shall be deposited in the urban agricultural zone fund established in subdivision (2) of this subsection. An amount equal to one percent shall be retained by the director of revenue for deposit in the general revenue fund to offset the costs of collection.
- (2) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Urban Agricultural Zone Fund", which shall consist of money collected under subdivision (1) of this subsection. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve with sections disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, shall be used for the purposes authorized by this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund. Fifty percent of fund moneys shall

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192 be made available to school districts. The remaining fifty percent of fund moneys shall be allocated to municipalities that have urban 193 194 agricultural zones based upon the municipality's percentage of local sales tax revenues deposited into the fund. The municipalities shall, 195196 upon appropriation, provide fund moneys to urban agricultural zones 197 within the municipality for improvements. School districts may apply to the department for money in the fund to be used for the development of 198 curriculum on or the implementation of urban farming practices under the 199 200 guidance of the University of Missouri extension service and a certified vocational 201 agricultural instructor. The funds are to be distributed on a competitive basis 202 within the school district or districts in which the UAZ is located pursuant to 203 rules to be promulgated by the department, with special consideration given to 204 the relative number of students eligible for free and reduced-price lunches 205 attending the schools within such district or districts.

13. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013, shall be invalid and void.

14. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any county with a 216 charter form of government and with more than three hundred thousand but fewer than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants.

275.352. 1. If a national referendum among beef producers passes and a 2federal assessment on beef producers is adopted pursuant to federal law, no state fees shall be collected under the provisions of this chapter, in excess of a commensurate amount credited against the obligation to pay any such federal assessment. Upon adoption of the federal assessment, beef shall be exempt from the refund provision of section 275.360. 6

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section to the contrary, a beef commodity council may only collect state fees if a referendum is approved on or after August 28, 2015, in the manner provided under the provisions of subsections 3 to 12 of this section.

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- 3. A beef commodity council established pursuant to the provisions of this chapter may submit to the director a petition approved by a two-thirds vote of the council or signed by twenty-five percent of Missouri beef producers to impose or modify a Missouri beef checkoff fee upon beef producers. Any petition submitted to establish or modify a Missouri beef checkoff fee, and the referendum to follow, shall specify the amount and manner of collection of the fee to be assessed. In no case shall the Missouri beef checkoff fee exceed the amount of the federal assessment on beef. Upon receipt of such petition the director:
 - (1) Determine the legal sufficiency of the petition;
- 22 (2) Establish a list of beef producers or make any such existing 23 list current;
 - (3) Hold a public hearing or hearings on the proposed program;
 - (4) Publish a notice to beef producers advising them:
 - (a) That a petition has been filed with the director;
- 27 **(b)** The time and place or places of the public hearing or 28 hearings; and
- (c) That to be eligible to vote in the referendum the producer shall register. The director shall give notice in publications devoted to agriculture which have a total statewide circulation of not less than two hundred twenty-five thousand, at least one month prior to the hearing. The fees for the publication of notice shall be advanced in cash to the director by the beef commodity council and no publication of notice shall be paid for by state funds;
 - (5) Provide forms to enable producers to register, which forms shall include the producer's name, mailing address, and the yearly average quantity of beef cattle sold by him or her in the three years preceding the date of the notice, or in such lesser period as a producer has sold beef cattle;
- 41 (6) Approve the petition, in whole or as revised, or disapprove 42 the petition depending upon the determinations made after public 43 hearing;
- 44 (7) After approval of a petition, hold a referendum among the 45 beef producers to determine whether or not the Missouri beef checkoff 46 fee shall be imposed.
 - 4. The director shall determine the sufficiency of the petition

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- 48 within twenty-one days after it is submitted to him or her and shall publish notice of the public hearing and registration requirements 49 giving at least ten days' notice prior to public hearing and thirty days' 50 notice to register prior to the referendum. 51
- 52 5. If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of adoption, and if those producers voting in favor of adoption represent a majority of the 53 production of all registered producers casting votes, the petition is 55 adopted.
 - 6. If the required percentage by number and by production of those voting is in favor of the adoption of the proposal in the petition, the director shall declare the proposal to be adopted.
 - 7. A proposal to change the amount of the fee to be collected or to make other changes may be made by a two-thirds vote of the council or by petition of twenty-five percent of the commodity producers. The proposal shall then be submitted to referendum under which the same percentages by number and production shall be required for approval as were required for establishment of the original merchandising program. However, the council, by two-thirds vote, may lower the amount of the fee to be collected, or may thereafter increase the amount of the fee to not more than the rate originally approved without a referendum vote. Such increase or decrease of fees shall not become effective except at the beginning of the next state fiscal year.
 - 8. A proposal to terminate the Missouri beef checkoff fee may be made by a majority of the council or by petition of ten percent of the registered beef producers. The proposed termination shall be submitted to referendum under which a simple majority of those voting shall be required for termination.
 - 9. No referendum to change the amount of fee, or to make other major changes may be held within twelve months of a referendum conducted for a similar purpose.
 - 10. Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be collected in the same manner as that used to collect the federal assessment on beef. The department shall keep and account for the state and federal assessments separately. State fees collected pursuant to this section shall be subject to the refund provision provided under section 275.360.
- 83 11. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 275.350 to the contrary, fees imposed under this section shall be collected and 84

remitted to the Missouri Beef Industry Council, which shall deposit such fees in a separate account from all other funds. Funds derived from the fees established under this section shall only be used to research, market, educate, and promote beef products and production.

12. The department may adopt such rules, statements of policy, procedures, forms, and guidelines as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2015, shall be invalid and void.

277.040. 1. Any person engaged in establishing or operating a livestock sale or market for the purpose aforesaid shall file with the state veterinarian of the state department of agriculture an application for a license to transact such business under the provisions of this chapter. The application shall state the nature of the business and the city, township and county, and the complete post office address at which the business is to be conducted, together with any additional information that the state veterinarian requires, and a separate license shall be secured for each place where a sale is to be conducted such as is defined and required to be licensed under the provisions of this chapter.

- 2. The state veterinarian shall then issue to the applicant a license upon payment of an annual license fee to be fixed by rule or regulation entitling the applicant to conduct a livestock sale or market for the period of the license year or for any unexpired portion thereof, unless the license is revoked as herein provided.
- 3. All license fees collected under this chapter shall not yield revenue greater than the total cost of administering this chapter during the ensuing year. All license fees collected shall be made payable to the order of the state treasurer and deposited with him to the credit of the "Livestock Sales and Markets Fees Fund" hereby created, subject to appropriation by the general assembly, to inure to the use and benefit of the animal health division of the

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- 4. No business entity, whether a proprietorship, partnership or corporation shall be issued a livestock market license if any such proprietor, partner or, if a corporation, any officer or major shareholder thereof, participated in the violation of any provision of this chapter within the preceding five years,

which resulted in the revocation of a livestock market license.

- 281.065. 1. The director shall not issue a certified commercial applicator's license until the applicant or the employer of the applicant has furnished evidence of financial responsibility with the director consisting either of a surety bond or a liability insurance policy or certification thereof, protecting persons who may suffer legal damages as a result of the operations of the applicant; except that, such surety bond or liability insurance policy need not apply to damages or injury to crops, plants or land being worked upon by the applicant. Following the receipt of the initial license, the certified commercial applicator shall not be required to furnish evidence of financial responsibility to the department for the purpose of license renewal unless upon request. Annual renewals for surety bonds or liability insurance shall be maintained at the business location from which the certified commercial applicator is licensed. Valid surety bonds or liability 13 insurance certificates shall be available for inspection by the director 14 or his or her designee at a reasonable time during regular business hours or, upon a request in writing, the director shall be furnished a 16 copy of the surety bond or liability insurance certificate within ten 18 working days of receipt of the request.
 - 2. The amount of the surety bond or liability insurance required by this section shall be not less than [twenty-five] fifty thousand dollars [for property damage and bodily injury insurance, each separately and] for each occurrence. Such surety bond or liability insurance shall be maintained at not less than that sum at all times during the licensed period. The director shall be notified by the surety or insurer within twenty days prior to any cancellation or reduction [at the request of the bond- or policyholder or any cancellation of such] of the surety bond or liability insurance [by the surety or insurer, as long as the total and aggregate of the surety and insurer for all claims shall be limited to the face of the bond or liability insurance policy]. If the surety bond or liability insurance policy which provides the financial responsibility for the [applicant] certified commercial applicator is provided by the employer

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of the [applicant] certified commercial applicator, the employer of the 32 [applicant] certified commercial applicator shall immediately notify the director upon the termination of the employment of the [applicant] certified 33 commercial applicator or when a condition exists under which the [applicant] 34 certified commercial applicator is no longer provided bond or insurance 35 coverage by the employer. The [applicant] certified commercial applicator 36 shall then immediately execute a surety bond or an insurance policy to cover the 37 financial responsibility requirements of this section and [shall furnish the 38 39 director with evidence of financial responsibility as required by this section the certified commercial applicator or the applicator's employer shall 40 maintain the surety bond or liability insurance certificate at the 41 42business location from which the certified commercial applicator is 43 licensed. The director may accept a liability insurance policy or surety bond in the proper sum which has a deductible clause in an amount not exceeding one 44 thousand dollars; except that, if the bond- or policyholder has not satisfied the 45 requirement of the deductible amount in any prior legal claim, such deductible 46 clause shall not be accepted by the director unless the bond- or policyholder 47 [furnishes the director with] executes and maintains a surety bond or liability 48 insurance which shall satisfy the amount of the deductible as to all claims that 49 may arise in his **or her** application of pesticides. 50

- 3. If the surety [furnished] becomes unsatisfactory, the bond- or policyholder shall[, upon notice,] immediately execute a new bond or insurance policy and maintain the surety bond or liability insurance certificate at the business location from which the certified commercial applicator is licensed, and if he or she fails to do so, the director shall cancel his or her license, or deny the license of an applicant, and give him or her notice of cancellation or denial, and it shall be unlawful thereafter for the applicant to engage in the business of using pesticides until the bond or insurance is brought into compliance with the requirements of subsection 1 of this section. If the bond-or policyholder does not execute a new bond or insurance policy within sixty days of expiration of such bond or policy, the licensee shall be required to satisfy all the requirements for licensure as if never before licensed.
- 4. Nothing in sections 281.010 to 281.115 shall be construed to relieve any person from liability for any damage to the person or lands of another caused by the use of pesticides even though such use conforms to the rules and regulations of the director.

304.180. 1. No vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be moved or operated on any highway in this state having a greater weight than twenty thousand pounds on one axle, no combination of vehicles operated by transporters of general freight over regular routes as defined in section 390.020 shall be moved or operated on any highway of this state having a greater weight than the vehicle manufacturer's rating on a steering axle with the maximum weight not to exceed twelve thousand pounds on a steering axle, and no vehicle shall be moved or operated on any state highway of this state having a greater weight than thirty-four thousand pounds on any tandem axle; the term "tandem axle" shall 9 10 mean a group of two or more axles, arranged one behind another, the distance 11 between the extremes of which is more than forty inches and not more than 12 ninety-six inches apart.

- 2. An "axle load" is defined as the total load transmitted to the road by all wheels whose centers are included between two parallel transverse vertical planes forty inches apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.
- 3. Subject to the limit upon the weight imposed upon a highway of this state through any one axle or on any tandem axle, the total gross weight with load imposed by any group of two or more consecutive axles of any vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed the maximum load in pounds as set forth in the following table:
- 21 Distance in feet between the extremes
- 22 of any group of two or more consecutive
- 23 axles, measured to the nearest foot,
- 24 except where indicated otherwise Maximum load in pounds

25	feet	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles
26	4	34,000				
27	5	34,000				
28	6	34,000				
29	7	34,000				
30	8	34,000	34,000			
31	More than 8	38,000	42,000			
32	9	39,000	42,500			
33	10	40,000	43,500			
34	11	40,000	44,000			

35	12	40,000	45,000	50,000		
36	13	40,000	45,500	50,500		
37	14	40,000	46,500	51,500		
38	15	40,000	47,000	52,000		
39	16	40,000	48,000	52,500	58,000	
40	17	40,000	48,500	53,500	58,500	
41	18	40,000	49,500	54,000	59,000	
42	19	40,000	50,000	54,500	60,000	
43	20	40,000	51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
44	21	40,000	51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
45	22	40,000	52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
46	23	40,000	53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
47	24	40,000	54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500
48	25	40,000	54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000
49	26	40,000	55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500
50	27	40,000	56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000
51	28	40,000	57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
52	29	40,000	57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500
53	30	40,000	58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000
54	31	40,000	59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500
55	32	40,000	60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000
56	33	40,000	60,000	64,000	68,500	74,000
57	34	40,000	60,000	64,500	69,000	74,500
58	35	40,000	60,000	65,500	70,000	75,000
59	36		60,000	66,000	70,500	75,500
60	37		60,000	66,500	71,000	76,000
61	38		60,000	67,500	72,000	77,000
62	39		60,000	68,000	72,500	77,500
63	40		60,000	68,500	73,000	78,000
64	41		60,000	69,500	73,500	78,500
65	42		60,000	70,000	74,000	79,000
66	43		60,000	70,500	75,000	80,000

67	44	60,000	71,500	75,500	80,000
68	45	60,000	72,000	76,000	80,000
69	46	60,000	72,500	76,500	80,000
70	47	60,000	73,500	77,500	80,000
71	48	60,000	74,000	78,000	80,000
72	49	60,000	74,500	78,500	80,000
73	50	60,000	75,500	79,000	80,000
74	51	60,000	76,000	80,000	80,000
75	52	60,000	76,500	80,000	80,000
76	53	60,000	77,500	80,000	80,000
77	54	60,000	78,000	80,000	80,000
78	55	60,000	78,500	80,000	80,000
79	56	60,000	79,500	80,000	80,000
80	57	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000

- Notwithstanding the above table, two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of thirty-four thousand pounds each if the overall distance between the first and last axles of such consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-six feet or more.
 - 4. Whenever the state highways and transportation commission finds that any state highway bridge in the state is in such a condition that use of such bridge by vehicles of the weights specified in subsection 3 of this section will endanger the bridge, or the users of the bridge, the commission may establish maximum weight limits and speed limits for vehicles using such bridge. The governing body of any city or county may grant authority by act or ordinance to the state highways and transportation commission to enact the limitations established in this section on those roadways within the purview of such city or county. Notice of the weight limits and speed limits established by the commission shall be given by posting signs at a conspicuous place at each end of any such bridge.
 - 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed as permitting lawful axle loads, tandem axle loads or gross loads in excess of those permitted under the provisions of Section 127 of Title 23 of the United States Code.
- 99 6. Notwithstanding the weight limitations contained in this section, any vehicle or combination of vehicles operating on highways other than the interstate

- highway system may exceed single axle, tandem axle and gross weight limitations in an amount not to exceed two thousand pounds. However, total gross weight shall not exceed eighty thousand pounds, except as provided in subsections 9 and 104 10 of this section.
- 7. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the department of transportation shall issue a single-use special permit, or upon request of the owner of the truck or equipment, shall issue an annual permit, for the transporting of any concrete pump truck or well-drillers' equipment. The department of transportation shall set fees for the issuance of permits pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.133, concrete pump trucks or well-drillers' equipment may be operated on state-maintained roads and highways at any time on any day.
 - 8. Notwithstanding the provision of this section to the contrary, the maximum gross vehicle limit and axle weight limit for any vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with an idle reduction technology may be increased by a quantity necessary to compensate for the additional weight of the idle reduction system as provided for in 23 U.S.C. Section 127, as amended. In no case shall the additional weight increase allowed by this subsection be greater than five hundred fifty pounds. Upon request by an appropriate law enforcement officer, the vehicle operator shall provide proof that the idle reduction technology is fully functional at all times and that the gross weight increase is not used for any purpose other than for the use of idle reduction technology.
 - 9. [Notwithstanding subsection 3 of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, the total gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles hauling livestock may be as much as, but shall not exceed, eighty-five thousand five hundred pounds while operating on U.S. Highway 36 from St. Joseph to U.S. Highway 63, on U.S. Highway 65 from the Iowa state line to U.S. Highway 36, and on U.S. Highway 63 from the Iowa state line to U.S. Highway 36, and on U.S. Highway 63 from U.S. Highway 36 to Missouri Route 17. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to vehicles operated on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways.
 - 10.] Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law to the contrary, the total gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles hauling milk, from a farm to a processing facility **or livestock** may be as much as, but shall not exceed, eighty-five thousand five hundred pounds while operating on highways other than the interstate highway system. The provisions of this

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subsection shall not apply to vehicles operated and operating on the Dwight D.Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

- [11.] 10. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law to the contrary, any vehicle or combination of vehicles hauling grain or grain co-products during times of harvest may be as much as, but not exceeding, ten percent over the maximum weight limitation allowable under subsection 3 of this section while operating on highways other than the interstate highway system. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to vehicles operated and operating on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways.
- 11. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law to the contrary, the department of transportation shall issue emergency utility response permits for the transporting of utility wires or cables, poles, and equipment needed for repair work immediately following a disaster where utility service has been disrupted. Under exigent circumstances, verbal approval of such operation may be made either by the motor carrier compliance supervisor or other designated motor carrier services representative. Utility vehicles and equipment used to assist utility companies granted special permits under this subsection may be operated and transported on state-maintained roads and highways at any time on any day. The department of transportation shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2014, shall be invalid and void.
- 414.300. 1. No later than January 1, 2016, the department of agriculture shall propose a rule regarding the labeling of motor fuel pumps dispensing motor fuel containing greater than ten percent ethanol.
- 5 2. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of

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the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2015, shall be invalid and void.

- 442.571. 1. Except as provided in sections 442.586 and 442.591, no alien or foreign business shall acquire by grant, purchase, devise, descent or otherwise agricultural land in this state if the total aggregate alien and foreign ownership of agricultural acreage in this state exceeds one percent of the total aggregate agricultural acreage in this state. [No such] A sale[,] or transfer[, or 5 acquisition] of any agricultural land in this state shall [occur unless such sale, 7 transfer, or acquisition is approved by be submitted to the director of the 8 department of agriculture for review in accordance with subsection 3 of this section only if there is no completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 signed by the purchaser. No person may hold agricultural land as an agent, 10 trustee, or other fiduciary for an alien or foreign business in violation of sections 11 12 442.560 to 442.592, provided, however, that no security interest in such 13 agricultural land shall be divested or invalidated by such violation.
 - 2. Any alien or foreign business who acquires agricultural land in violation of sections 442.560 to 442.592 remains in violation of sections 442.560 to 442.592 for as long as he or she holds an interest in the land, provided, however, that no security interest in such agricultural land shall be divested or invalidated by such violation.
 - 3. [All] Subject to the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, such proposed acquisitions by grant, purchase, devise, descent, or otherwise of agricultural land in this state shall be submitted to the department of agriculture to determine whether such acquisition of agricultural land is conveyed in accordance with the one percent restriction on the total aggregate alien and foreign ownership of agricultural land in this state. The department shall establish by rule the requirements for submission and approval of requests under this subsection.
- 4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,

- 30 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
- 31 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to
- 32 review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
- 33 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and
- 34 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2014, shall be invalid and void.
- 537.325. 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, 2 the following words and phrases shall mean:
- 3 (1) "Engages in an equine activity", riding, training, assisting in medical
- treatment of, driving or being a passenger upon an equine, whether mounted or
- 5 unmounted, or any person assisting a participant or any person involved in show
- 6 management. The term "engages in an equine activity" does not include being a
- 7 spectator at an equine activity, except in cases where the spectator places himself
- 8 in an unauthorized area;

- (2) "Equine", a horse, pony, mule, donkey or hinny;
- 10 (3) "Equine activity":
- 11 (a) Equine shows, fairs, competitions, performances or parades that
- 12 involve any or all breeds of equines and any of the equine disciplines, including,
- 13 but not limited to, dressage, hunter and jumper horse shows, grand prix jumping,
- 14 three-day events, combined training, rodeos, driving, pulling, cutting, polo,
- 15 steeplechasing, English and western performance riding, endurance trail riding
- 16 and western games and hunting;
 - (b) Equine training or teaching activities or both;
- 18 (c) Boarding equines;
- 19 (d) Riding, inspecting or evaluating an equine belonging to another,
- 20 whether or not the owner has received [some] or currently receives monetary
- 21 consideration or other thing of value for the use of the equine or is permitting a
- 22 prospective purchaser of the equine to ride, inspect or evaluate the equine;
- 23 (e) Rides, trips, hunts or other equine activities [of any type] however
- 24 informal or impromptu that are sponsored by an equine activity sponsor; and
- 25 (f) Placing or replacing horseshoes on an equine;
- 26 (4) "Equine activity sponsor", an individual, group, club, partnership or
- 27 corporation, whether or not operating for profit or nonprofit, legal entity, or any
- 28 employee thereof, which sponsors, organizes or provides the facilities for, an
- 29 equine activity, including but not limited to pony clubs, 4-H clubs, hunt clubs,
- 30 riding clubs, school- and college-sponsored classes, programs and activities,
- 31 therapeutic riding programs and operators, instructors and promoters of equine

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- facilities, including but not limited to stables, clubhouses, pony ride strings, fairs and arenas at which the activity is held;
- 34 (5) "Equine professional", a person engaged for compensation, or an 35 employee of such a person engaged:
- 36 (a) In instructing a participant or renting to a participant an equine for 37 the purpose of riding, driving or being a passenger upon the equine; or
 - (b) In renting equipment or tack to a participant;
- 39 (6) "Inherent risks of equine **or livestock** activities", those dangers or 40 conditions which are an integral part of equine **or livestock** activities, including 41 but not limited to:
- 42 (a) The propensity of any equine **or livestock** to behave in ways that may 43 result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around it;
- 44 (b) The unpredictability of any equine's **or livestock's** reaction to such 45 things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other 46 animals;
 - (c) Certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions;
 - (d) Collisions with other equines, livestock, or objects;
- 49 (e) The potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may 50 contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain 51 control over the animal or not acting within his ability;
 - (7) "Livestock", the same as used in section 277.020;
- 53 (8) "Livestock activity":
 - (a) Grazing, herding, feeding, branding, milking, or other activity that involves the care or maintenance of livestock;
 - (b) A livestock show, fair, competition, or auction;
- 57 (c) A livestock training or teaching activity;
 - (d) Boarding livestock; and
 - (e) Inspecting or evaluating livestock;
- (9) "Livestock activity sponsor", an individual, group, club, 61 partnership, or corporation, whether or not operating for profit or 62 nonprofit, legal entity, or any employee thereof, which sponsors, 63 organizes, or provides the facilities for, a livestock activity;
- 64 (10) "Livestock facility", a property or facility at which a 65 livestock activity is held;
- 66 (11) "Livestock owner", a person who owns livestock that is 67 involved in livestock activity;

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- 68 (12) "Participant", any person, whether amateur or professional, who 69 engages in an equine activity or a livestock activity, whether or not a fee is 70 paid to participate in the equine activity or livestock activity.
- 71 2. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, an equine activity 72sponsor, an equine professional, a livestock activity sponsor, a livestock owner, a livestock facility, a livestock auction market, any employee 73thereof, or any other person or corporation shall not be liable for an injury to or 74the death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of equine or 75 livestock activities and, except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, no 76 77 participant or a participant's representative shall make any claim against, 78maintain an action against, or recover from an equine activity sponsor, an equine 79 professional, a livestock activity sponsor, a livestock owner, a livestock 80 facility, a livestock auction market, any employee thereof, or any other person from injury, loss, damage or death of the participant resulting from any 81 82 of the inherent risks of equine or livestock activities.
 - 3. This section shall not apply to the horse racing industry as regulated in sections 313.050 to 313.720. This section shall not apply to any employer-employee relationship governed by the provisions of, and for which liability is established pursuant to, chapter 287.
 - 4. The provisions of subsection 2 of this section shall not prevent or limit the liability of an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, a livestock activity sponsor, a livestock owner, a livestock facility, a livestock auction market, any employee thereof, or any other person if the equine activity sponsor, equine professional, livestock activity sponsor, livestock owner, livestock facility, livestock auction market, any employee thereof, or person:
 - (1) Provided the equipment or tack and knew or should have known that the equipment or tack was faulty and such equipment or tack was faulty to the extent that [it did cause] the equipment or tack caused the injury; or
- 97 (2) Provided the equine **or livestock** and failed to make reasonable and 98 prudent efforts to determine the ability of the participant to engage safely in the 99 equine activity **or livestock activity** and determine the ability of the 100 participant to safely manage the particular equine **or livestock** based on the 101 participant's age, obvious physical condition or the participant's representations 102 of his **or her** ability;
 - (3) Owns, leases, rents or otherwise is in lawful possession and control of

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- the land or facilities upon which the participant sustained injuries because of a dangerous latent condition which was known to the equine activity sponsor, equine professional, livestock activity sponsor, livestock owner, livestock facility, livestock auction market, any employee thereof, or person and for which warning signs have not been conspicuously posted;
- 109 (4) Commits an act or omission that constitutes willful or wanton 110 disregard for the safety of the participant and that act or omission caused the 111 injury;
- 112 (5) Intentionally injures the participant;
- 113 (6) Fails to use that degree of care that an ordinarily careful and prudent 114 person would use under the same or similar circumstances.
 - 5. The provisions of subsection 2 of this section shall not prevent or limit the liability of an equine activity sponsor [or], an equine professional, a livestock activity sponsor, a livestock owner, a livestock facility, a livestock auction market, or any employee thereof under liability provisions as set forth in any other section of law.
- 120 6. Every equine activity sponsor and livestock activity sponsor shall post and maintain signs which contain the warning notice specified in this 121 subsection. Such signs shall be placed in a clearly visible location on or near 122123 stables, corrals or arenas where the [equine professional] equine activity 124 sponsor or livestock activity sponsor conducts equine or livestock activities if such stables, corrals or arenas are owned, managed or controlled by 125 126 the [equine professional] equine activity sponsor or livestock activity 127 sponsor. The warning notice specified in this subsection shall appear on the 128 sign in black letters on a white background with each letter to be a minimum of 129 one inch in height. Every written contract entered into by an equine professional 130 [and], an equine activity sponsor, a livestock activity sponsor, a livestock 131 owner, a livestock facility, a livestock auction market, or any employee thereof for the providing of professional services, instruction or the rental of 132 133 equipment [or], tack, or an equine to a participant, whether or not the contract 134 involves equine or livestock activities on or off the location or site of the equine 135 professional's [or], equine activity sponsor's, or livestock activity sponsor's business, shall contain in clearly readable print the warning notice specified in 136 137 this subsection. The signs and contracts described in this subsection shall 138 contain the following warning notice:

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Under Missouri law, an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, a livestock activity sponsor, a livestock owner, a livestock facility, a livestock auction market, or any employee thereof is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine or livestock activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine or livestock activities pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

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